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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

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- (1) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 11-104356
entitled GAME SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM READABLE BY
COMPUTER, By Horigami et al., published April 20, 1999.
This document discloses an instruction from a player,
either of a rearing mode or a competing mode which is
selected. When the rearing mode is selected, an
upbringing process of a character is displayed on a
monitor 25 according to the upbringing operation of the
player to a controller, and data describing the
features of the character are varied according to the
predetermined condition. When the competing mode is
selected, action of at least a part of a plurality of
pieces given to each of the player and his opposition
is displayed on the monitor in each turn given to the

player and his opposition alternately, and on the basis of the behavior contents and data describing the features of the respective pieces, superiority of the competing condition is varied. The data describing the features of the character and the data describing features of the piece are correlated with each other.

- (2) The strategy guide for POPULOUS, Series 1, Super famicon perfect capture, published January 25, 1991. The document is in the Japanese language however an English translation is enclosed.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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